



Family Court Project

Owen County

Basic Information

Population:	21,200 (2013 estimate)
County Seat:	Spencer
Judicial Officers:	Hon. Lori Thatcher Quillen, Com. Kelsey Blake Hanlon
Date of Project Implementation:	Fall of 2004
Project Judge/s:	Lori Thatcher Quillen
Administrative Contact:	Ginnie R. Phero, Mediation Project Administrator
Project Funding:	The Owen County Mediation Project is currently partially funded by a grant of \$3,000 from the Indiana Family Court Project.

Family Court Mission Statement

Please provide a mission statement for your Family Court Programming

The Owen County Mediation Project strives to provide quality, low cost mediation services for parties that are pro se or low-income litigants. The unique collaboration that exists between the Owen Circuit Court and the IU Maurer School of Law in Bloomington, Indiana provides a creative solution to a growing need for low-cost mediation services as well as providing important training and experience for the student mediators who work on Owen County cases.

Family Court Programming

Please provide a description your Family Court Programming

The Owen County Mediation Project mediates cases for low-income and often pro se parties who have a pending matter before the Court in a divorce, paternity, guardianship or adoption case in the Owen Circuit Court. Mediations are conducted by the Owen County Administrator, who is a registered and experienced mediator, or by trained student mediators from the Family & Children Mediation Clinic at IU Maurer School of Law in Bloomington, IN. During mediation negotiation sessions, the mediators negotiate contested issues, draft necessary Court documents and file a mediator's report with the Court.

Number of Families Served

Please provide an estimate of the number of families served through the Family Court Programming

The Owen County Mediation Project has served 84 families in 2013 and has consistently served 40 to 50 families each year since the project began in 2004.

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